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And so, I have proclaimed April 5 to 7, 1991, as National Days of Thanksgiving. Once again, I urge Americans to unite in prayer and turn to our greatest power.

We give thanks for the remarkable unity of our people throughout the conflict and especially for the strong support shown for our troops in the field. I am confident that our nation will emerge stronger and more united to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Though we thank God that our prisoners are home and our casualties were fewer than widely predicted, we must not forget all the innocents who have suffered as a

result of the war. We hope for the immediate return of divided families and for the swift recovery from illness and injury.

Finally, let us look to the future and pray for a world marked by peaceful relations between people.

As we mark these National Days of Thanksgiving, may God bless the United States of America.

Note: This address was recorded March 11 at 3:01 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at the White House and was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 22.

Nomination of David T. Kearns To Be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education

March 22, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate David T. Kearns as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education. He would succeed John Theodore Sanders.

Mr. Kearns, chairman of Xerox Corp., currently serves on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee. He also serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Ford Foundation, the National Urban League, and the University of Rochester.

Mr. Kearns has written and spoken widely on education issues, including a 1988 volume he coauthored with Denis Doyle, "Winning the Brain Race: A Bold Plan to Make our Schools Competitive."

Mr. Kearns is a Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of Rochester (B.S., 1952). He is married, has six children, and resides in New Canaan, CT.

Nomination of John T. Sanders To Be Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Under Secretary for Planning, Budget and Evaluation at the Department of Education

March 22, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Dr. John Theodore Sanders, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Under Secretary for Planning, Budget and Evaluation. He would succeed Charles Edward Mealey Kolb. The President indicated that he will ask the Congress to combine those roles into one position with the title of Under Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of

Education.

Dr. Sanders, a Texas native, was nominated by President Bush as Under Secretary of Education on March 10, 1989, and was confirmed by the Senate on April 19, 1989. He became Deputy Secretary on November 5, 1990, when President Bush signed legislation elevating his position to that level.

An activist in education, Dr. Sanders formerly served as president of the Council of